

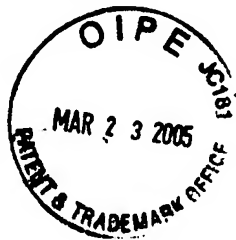
## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Leopold Werner Kepplinger, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR REDUCING A PARTICULATE MATERIAL CONTAINING A  
METAL, ESPECIALLY IRON ORE

Date: March 21, 2005

Group Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Melvyn J. Andrews

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed November 23, 2004 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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#### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.